

BF SOUL



**Back: Emily Ferrell, Alex Furlott, Leland Whitty, Jill Harris, Tom Moffett, Josh Cavan
Front: Fraser Melvin, Lydia Persaud, Meg Contini, Andrew Moljgun, Jon Hyde, Elizabeth Roach**

Biography

Slick. Fresh. Exciting. BF Soul is that and much more.

This 12-piece R&B/Soul band will get you up out of your seat and dancing. With three soulful female vocalists, a tight 5-piece horn section, and a rhythm section that grooves, this band knows how to get down. BF Soul is authentically reviving that old Soul sound.

Their dynamic image lends itself perfectly as an homage to greats such as Aretha Franklin, Ray Charles, Etta James, and Bobby “Blue” Bland, as BF Soul weaves seamless covers with a funky flair. BF Soul also performs original songs written by different members of the group. To someone not intimately familiar with the soul repertoire of the 50s, 60s and 70s, these new songs could indeed be classics. Recently, CBC Radio 1 aired their original songs, “He’s My Man” on *Metro Morning* and “Wishing Tree” on *Here And Now*.

“People, especially people our age, just weren’t playing music like this. We wanted to expose everyone to this stuff,” says bandleader and guitarist Fraser Melvin. And exposure they have achieved. Well-known in the Toronto music scene with performances at such venues as the Orbit Room, Wrong Bar, The El Mocambo, Rancho Relaxo, and Mitzi’s Sister, BF Soul is known for their energetic live shows that consistently pack the dance floor. Whether it’s a slow blues (*St. James Infirmary*) or a rockin’ tribute to Jimi Hendrix (*Stone Free*), you can count on the groove being heavy, the horns being tight, and the vocals being soulful.

In August, 2011 they performed at the Kitchener Blues Festival, opening for blues guitarist Johnny Winter, as well as performing at the Lakeshore Mardi Gras Festival, opening for Canadian Rock band Chilliwack. In 2010, BF Soul had the honor of being nominated and performing in the Toronto Blues Society's Talent Search at Nathan Phillips Square. This outstanding band has been compared to contemporary artists such as Sharon Jones & The Dap Kings as well as classic artists like Sly & The Family Stone.

With a sound so profound it will move you out your seat, BF Soul is the hot, new Soul band around. So you better watch out, cause trouble's in town.

Band Members



Jill Harris - Vocals
Lydia Persaud - Vocals
Meg Contini – Vocals



Jonathan Hyde – Drums
Josh Cavan - Keys
Fraser Melvin – Bandleader/Guitar/Vocals
Alex Furlott - Bass



Andrew Moljgun - Alto Sax
Elizabeth Roach - Baritone Sax
Leland Whitty - Tenor Sax
Emily Ferrell - Trombone
Thomas Moffett - Trumpet

Contact/Bookings

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www.bfsoul.com or www.facebook.com/BFSOUL

www.youtube.com/BFSoulBand

www.sonicbids.com/BFSoul

Awards

BF Soul

- Finalists in the Toronto Blues Society 2010 Talent Search.

Members

- Andrew Moljgun - Recipient of the Eddie Sossin Jazz Award.
- Josh Cavan - Recipient of the Gordon and Anne Wragg Music Scholarship.
- Jon Hyde - Recipient of the Just Drums Award and Humber Board of Governors Scholarship.



- Meg Contini (Pictured left) - Winner of the Calgary Stampede Rising Star Competition.
- Meg Contini - 2nd Place in the National Rising Star Competition.
- Fraser Melvin - 1st Recipient of the John C. Bird Music Award from the Kiwanis Club.
- Leland Whitty - Recipient of the Doug Richardson Memorial Award (2011).
- Jill Harris - Recipient of the Yamaha Canada Music, Ltd, Scholarship (2011).

- Emily Ferrell - Recipient of the Gordon and Anne Wragg Music Scholarship (2009 & 2010).
- Emily Ferrell - Recipient of the Al Kay Brass Award (2011).
- Elizabeth Roach - Recipient of the Dean's Award For School Of Creative Development (2009).
- Elizabeth Roach - Recipient of the Yamaha Music Scholarship (2010).
- Tom Moffett (Pictured right) - Recipient of the Melissa Koenig Memorial Award (2006)



Past Gigs & Performances

- Nov 7 - Nov 28, 2011 - Weekly gig at the Orbit Room.
- Oct 21, 2011 - Performed at Maxwell's Music House (Kitchener).
- Sept 15, 2011 - Performed at The Supermarket (Toronto).
- Aug 12, 2011 - Opened for Canadian Rock band Chilliwack at Lakeshore Mardi Gras Festival.
- Aug. 6, 2011 - Performed at the Kitchener Blues Festival. Opened for Johnny Winter.
- July 29, 2011 - Performed at Maxwell's Music House (Kitchener).
- Nov. 29, 2010 - Performed at "Movember" Cancer Benefit at the El Mocambo.
- Sept. 16, 2010 - Performed at Clinton's Tavern (Toronto).
- Aug. 12, 2010 - Performed at Nathan Phillips Square for the TBS Talent Search.
- June 5, 2010 - Drew Hildebrand Teen Benefit (Oakville).
- May 21, 2010 - Performed at Mitzi's Sister (Toronto).
- April 30, 2010 - Performed at My Place: A Canadian Pub (Toronto).
- April 22, 2010 - Cancer Benefit at El Mocambo (Toronto).
- Mar. 14, 2010 - Performed at My Place: A Canadian Pub (Toronto).
- Nov. 6, 2009 - Performed at My Place: A Canadian Pub.
- Mar. 19, 2009 - Performed at the Concord Cafe (Toronto).